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**From:** Erik Shaw <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Wed, Jun 12, 2019 at 7:50 PM  
**Subject:** Homelessness Solution  
**To:** <[councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org)>

Dear Mayor Eric Garcetti,  
You said...  
'It's time for a seismic shift in how we confront this crisis.'

Our homeless crisis has reached rampant proportions...we need to think outside of the box...

As President Teddy Roosevelt said...  
"Complaining about a problem without proposing a solution is called whining"

Here is a solution:

- Locate abandon building(s) in close proximity to our largest homeless areas. If only warehouses are available, no problem, create temporary dividers to allow for privacy.
- Turn-on services, i.e. water, power, sewage, provide trash service with dumpsters.
- Clean the buildings, then provide bedding, cots, etc. to begin.
- Until kitchens can be set-up provide MRE's to at least begin the process of regular meal consumption.
- Portable laundry services are already available for military deployments, borrow them until regular laundry facilities can be created.
- Provide toiletries-the essentials, T.P, soap, toothpaste and brushes.
- Drop-off and maintain portable toilets until permanent bathrooms can be created.
- Create a 'Governing Board' by the residents-empower them and they will begin rebuilding their dignity.
- Monitor programs with Social Service personnel with security escorts of LAPD.
- Create programs, the curriculum already exists, to rebuild life skills, drug programs, etc., lets use it-it's free.
- Create hope, by supporting hopeful options. Soup kitchens are important but they do nothing to help rebuild confidence and hope for the future.

The abbreviated outline works, it works throughout other countries that have tried it and now continue this type of program. Sponsorships can be created, home improvement stores can donate building supplies, chefs can donate talent, etc.

The buildings also create a sense of security for the residents, they take ownership of the success of their new community and the rebuilding of lives begin. Education programs can begin, re-teaching life-skills, and most importantly our homeless become contributing residents of our once great city.

The buildings also become a resource center, clothing can be donated and distributed by their own Governing Board, drug programs can be instilled, ROP-type programs can be created giving job skills and training to help get those we can back on their feet. Libraries can be created by book donations, remember those MRE's they were initially eating? We now have fully functioning kitchens, created, staffed and offering training programs for others-while feeding others.

Cost? We don't need to raise taxes or add new ones, we just have to be smarter with our current budget.

Just think, within 90-days you could convert the first of the abandon buildings into progressive housing centers. We would get people off the street, clean-up the messes, and begin the process of rebuilding lives-we would offer hope.

Out of the box thinking and ACTION is required-immediately-we don't need 'Studies' and 'Focus Groups' use that money to create change-Real, Long-Lasting Change.

Sincerely,  
Erik Shaw

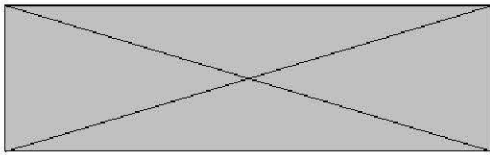
Note: Complete and detailed plans available.

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Sincerely,



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